

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 9:00 AM**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**Second Floor – Conference Room F**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

- A. Investigations Update  
*Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor*

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. License Reinstatement Applications
- F. Robert Sava, DVM
  - Lawrence D. Washington, DVM
- Presented by Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst*

**IV. Legal Office Business**

- A. Rocco Frank, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0509-047-009  
*Presentation of Consent Order - Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- B. Robyn Harper, DVM – Petition No. 2007-0221-047-010  
*Presentation of Consent Order - Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- C. Dennis J. Thibeault, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0221-047-011  
*Presentation of Consent Order - Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH*

**V. Additional Agenda Items**

#### **ADJOURN**

*The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.*

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut, on March 4, 2009,

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM  
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM  
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** H. Dexter Young

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

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Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. O'Neill was welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member

#### **MINUTES – November 12, 2008**

The November 12, 2008 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

#### **Department of Public Health Updates**

##### Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 31 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 10 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

Regarding the issue of the Newtown Animal Medical Center, Newtown, Connecticut that was reviewed at the last meeting, Mr. Griffin reported that the owner has been informed that his use of the term "medical center" is not in compliance with regulations. The owner will be changing the name.

#### **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

##### Hubert Hopkinson, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0906-047-020

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Hubert Hopkinson, DVM. Attorney Beck Fineman was present by telephone conference on behalf of Dr. Hopkinson.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order placing Dr. Hopkinson's license on probation.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed bills that have been proposed during the current legislative session. Regarding Bill NO. 265 - AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARIANS AND DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS. Dr. Gorra commented regarding the proposed requirement that a “veterinarian shall screen for any contraindications based on drug interactions or allergies and shall consult with the owner regarding the correct dosage and administration of the drug and any possible side effects.” Dr. Gorra stated that such screening cannot be realistically accomplished and if such screening were available it would significantly add to the cost of prescribing and dispensing of medications. Dr Dann and Dr. Cianciolo agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine